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DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, will the Government consider the question of making no distinction whatever between the communities, but give fee concession to all poor and deserving students, whatever may be the community they may belong to? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I hope the hon. Member would appreciate the beginning that we have made in that direction. I referred to this in my budget speech yesterday."

SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM :—"வன்னிய குல க்ஷத்திரிய பிள்ளைகளுக்கு இலவசமாக கல்வி கொடுக்கப்படுமென்று சொல்லப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதே போல தென்னாற்காடு, வடாற்காடு, மதுரை, தஞ்சாவூர், திருநெல்வேலி போன்ற எல்லா இடங்களிலும் உள்ள வன்னியகுல க்ஷத்திரியப் பிள்ளைகளுக்கு எல்லாம் சலுகை உடனடியாகக் கொடுக்கப்படுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" இதைப்பற்றித்தான் நான் விரிவாக ஆங்கிலத்தில் சொன்னேன். அதை கனம் அங்கத்தினர் கவனித்திருப்பார்கள் என்று நம்புகிறேன். இந்த வகுப்பாரிலும் குற்ற பரம்பரையைச் சேர்ந்தவர்களுக்குத்தான் இந்த முழுச் சலுகை அளிக்கப்படுகிறது. வேறு சில ஜில்லாக்களில் உள்ளவர்கள் குற்றப் பரம்பரையைச் சேர்ந்தவர்களாக இருந்தும் தங்களை வன்னியர்கள் என்று கூறிக்கொண்டதால் இவர்களுக்குப் பூர்ண கல்விச் சலுகை கொடுக்கவில்லை. சில குறிப்பிட்ட ஜில்லாக்களில் மட்டும்தான் இந்த குற்ற பரம்பரையைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் இருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவேதான் அந்த ஜில்லாக்களில் உள்ளவர்களுக்குப் பூர்ண கல்விச் சலுகை அளிக்கப்படுமென்று அறிக்கை விடப்பட்டது. அதனால்தான் தப்பு அபிப்பிராயம் ஏற்பட்டுள்ளது என்று நினைக்கிறேன். பிற்பட்ட வகுப்புக் கமிஷன் தனது யாதாஸ்து சமர்பித்தவுடன் அவர்கள் என்னென்ன சிபார்சுகளைச் செய்திருக்கிறார்களோ அவற்றையெல்லாம் சர்க்கார் பரிசீலனை செய்து தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும். அப்போது இவ் விஷயமும் கவனிக்கப்படும்."

Violation of the Prohibition Act in the South Arcot district.

* 213 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons convicted for violation of the Prohibition Act in the South Arcot district from the years 1951 to 1954;

(*b*) the amount of fines collected during the years 1951 to 1954;

(*c*) the number of prosecutions launched by the Police and Excise Departments during the above period; and

(*d*) how many of the persons involved in the above cases are men, women and juveniles?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) A statement* is laid on the table of the House."

* Printed as Appendix on page 344 infra.

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DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Does the Hon. Minister think that Prohibition is a success even after placing this sheet of paper on the table of the House for our information? According to statistics, Prohibition does not seem to be a success."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, this question refers to South Arcot district. We cannot from the statistics of one particular district say that Prohibition is a failure."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Sir, I quite appreciate that. If the same conclusion is to apply to almost every district, I think the effect will be quite clear? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the Government are receiving good reports from the districts; after this work has been entrusted to the Police department, we hope to get good reports, and we hope to see that Prohibition is a success in this State."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Sir, in view of the number of convicts decreasing from 1952, is it not an encouraging sign that Prohibition is working well in the district? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Definitely so, Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" How is that conclusion possible on the figures furnished in the statement? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The hon. Member has got to look into the figures correctly. I do not think that Members need worry about the success or failure of Prohibition. All that we want is the unstinted co-operation of hon. Members like Dr. John."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, if in one district the Government are prosecuting five thousand people, in all the districts they must be prosecuting 50,000 people."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" We have got to do so in order that Prohibition may be a success."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Throughout the whole State are not more than five lakhs of people convicted for various offences under the Indian Penal Code? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" May I ask, Sir, if Prohibition has failed, according to the figures given in the statement, whether it will not be taken as an indication logically? What does our Hon. Minister mean by saying that Members have to co-operate with the Government? Does he mean that we should also not drink? Of course we are not drinking and we are

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co-operating with the Government. I think Dr. John also comes under the same category. We are all sailing in the same boat. Therefore, we are perfectly co-operating with the Hon. Minister, and he cannot blame us for non-co-operation."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" The hon. Member is making a speech."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" This question relates to South Arcot district. All that I said was that from the figures it was quite clear that Prohibition in South Arcot was a success. We are really getting encouraging reports from the district."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" In one district the Government collect about a lakh of rupees as fine. May I take it that they have collected more than ten lakhs of rupees as fine from the poor people throughout the State? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, it is not mere arithmetic. We have to go into the statistics and then only come to a conclusion. I cannot now give an answer offhand."

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI :—" Sir, under the offences enumerated in the Indian Penal Code, which is in existence for long, many people are convicted and punished. On that basis is it possible for us to say that the law is not effective? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1955-56.

* DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, before the general discussion on the Budget commences, I should like to make a submission to you. I find from the proceedings of the Council of the 3rd March 1951, I raised a similar issue. If I may be permitted to quote, I may say what I said then. I said, Sir,—

' I venture to appeal to you and to suggest that the procedure that was being followed in the Monford Reforms days, when the legislature was a unicameral one, was that the last day of the Budget discussion or a good portion of the last day was set apart for the Hon. the Ministers to reply in respect of their departments. I venture to submit that in this House, where there is no opportunity of specific Budget grants being moved by the various departmental heads it would be very much to the advantage of hon. Members who are not familiar with the details of the Budget, if Hon. Ministers will respond to any suggestions or criticism of their respective departments.'